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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether India is likely to have one of the largest representation among international student communities in institutes across the world;

(b)if so, whether the country is going to emerge as one of the key drivers of growth of international higher education by 2025;

(c)if so, whether a study conducted by Australian research agencies has revealed this fact;

(d)if so, whether India and China will together generate over half of the global demand for international higher education within the next 25 years;

(e)if so, the details in this regard; and

(f)if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (e) As per the study conducted by IDP Education,a private company in Australia, it is anticipated that India and China, will together generate over half of the global demand for international higher education within the next 25 years.

(f) In a globalized environment there has been an increase in the mobility of students across national boundaries and movement of Indian students for studies abroad is part of this global trend. However, Govt. of India in order to attract more foreign students to Indian Universities has permitted 15% supernumerary seats in all institutions for foreign/NRI students. Inaddition, Government has also set up a Committee on Promotion of Indian Education Abroad (COPIEA)which will generate ideas and identify programmes and areas for promotion of Indian Education abroad and chalk out strategy for implementing the same.